

Fact Sheet
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Brownfields Targeted Site Investigations



DTSC BROWNFIELDS REMEDIATION INITIATIVES

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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Government agencies and non-profit organizations involved with redevelopment in California are eligible to apply for assistance under a new program that encourages brownfields redevelopment. Brownfields are properties that may be contaminated and are underused due to potential remediation costs and liability concerns. Typical examples of brownfield sites include former industrial and manufacturing facilities or gas stations.

The Targeted Site Investigations program is one of several initiatives funded through a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in collaboration with the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB), will select a limited number of sites and, using U.S. EPA funds, will perform site investigations at no cost to the applicant. Conducting a Targeted Site Investigation, which may be a DTSC Preliminary Endangerment Assessment, can provide additional information for making decisions about reuse.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this program, a site must:

- meet the U.S. EPA definition of a "brownfields" site;
- be owned by a public agency or non-profit organization, or be within a redevelopment planning area, or be a project that is of interest to a public agency or nonprofit organization, or be an abandoned site or of special interest to a public agency or nonprofit organization;
- not be a federally-owned property, a National Priority List site, a site under enforcement action, or a site subject to Resource Conservation and Recovery Act corrective action;
- be readily accessible to Cal/EPA boards and departments and to DTSC's contractor for the purposes of performing fieldwork;

Application Deadline:
October 17th



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- have the support of a local redevelopment or economic development agency (preferably a letter of support) for the proposed Targeted Site Investigation; and
- not have received a Targeted Site Investigation through this program in the same fiscal year.

Application

To apply, organizations should complete an application packet to provide information about the site history, ownership, intended future use, and potential community benefits of redeveloping the site. Staff will review the applications and assign a score to each site based on selection criteria. A selection panel with representatives from DTSC, Regional Water Quality Control Boards and Cal/EPA will decide which sites will receive the Targeted Site Investigation.

Selection

Scoring will be based upon:

- the degree of uncertainty surrounding the site's level of contamination;
- the likelihood of the site investigation reducing this uncertainty;
- the surrounding neighborhood's economic situation;
- the ability to proceed with the assessment within the established time frame;
- plans for reuse;
- the benefit to the community; and
- other considerations based on overall geographic diversity and financial need.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting applications is October 17, 2003, with a second application deadline of December 30, 2003, if there are any remaining funds.

For More Information

For more information or to receive or submit an application, please visit www.dtsc.ca.gov or call:

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